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Friends of Fondren Honors Edward W. "Mike" Kelley and Janet H. Kelley

A Letter to the Friends

Dear Friends:

I will never forget the many pleasures of my long association with the Friends, especially those of this past year. However, it is difficult to contemplate events of this past year as distinct from events of prior years and without being overwhelmed by the recollection of the dedication and creativity of the many who have contributed their efforts to enable the Friends to accomplish so much over the years. So, in departing this office, I offer thanks to that long line of board members and presidents who served before us for establishing and fostering the traditions of the Friends of Fondren Library, and encouragement to those who will follow us in perpetuating those traditions.

This has been a year marked by distressing, as well as uplifting, events. But like devotees of all great institutions and traditions, we kept to our tasks. Special thanks are owed to John Ribble for adroitly handling our Distinguished Guest Lecture, to Alan Bath and Karen Rogers for two years' effort culminating in a very successful book sale, to Dorothy Knox Houghton for chairing the Rice Authors Reception in February despite great personal adversity, and to Pam Smith for her quiet diligence in presiding over those monthly gala committee meetings which enabled us to fill the ballroom at Rivers Oaks Country Club in April with a wonderful gathering of Friends that yielded great financial benefit so important to the Library. Particular gratitude is owed to our executive director, Mary Pat Julian, for her role in all of those events, her extraordinary support and her never failing graciousness. We will miss you this coming year but know that you have two more important tasks to attend to.

Thanks to Robins Brice, John Wolf, Pam Giraud and Kyle Frazier who also served as officers this past year and to all other board members, especially those who depart the board this year. Also, to Chuck Henry, whose leadership, despite the disappointing postponement of the Library reconstruction, never faltered and continues to inspire us to recommit ourselves to Fondren Library. Thanks for your wisdom, your prudence, your eloquence, your insight, your friendship and for sharing your friends from the wider world of libraries and librarians. You have brought so much to Fondren, and I think I speak for the entire board when I say that we are privileged to be striving alongside you.

Finally, I welcome our newest board members for they are the future of our organization. I say without reservation that, despite the hard work, you are in for a lot of fun and a great deal of satisfaction, not to mention the second coming of the inimitable Mary Bixby, who rejoins us this coming year as executive director.

So, as I close this letter, I am sporting a big smile. Thanks, Friends, for putting it there by giving me this opportunity to serve as president.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Maynard

Fondren Library

Founded under the charter of the university dated May 18, 1891, the library was established in 1913. Its present building was dedicated November 4, 1949, and rededicated in 1969 after a substantial addition, both made possible by gifts of Ella F. Fondren, her children, and the Fondren Foundation and Trust as a tribute to Walter William Fondren. The library celebrated its half-millionth volume in 1965 and its one-millionth volume on April 22, 1979.

The Friends

The Friends of Fondren Library was founded in 1950 as an association of library supporters interested in increasing and making better known the resources of Fondren Library at Rice University. The Friends, through members' contributions and sponsorship of a program of memorials and honor gifts, secure gifts and bequests, and provide funds for the purchase of rare books, manuscripts, and other materials that are needed to support teaching and research at the university.

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FOFL Announces 2002 Guest Lecturer

The Friends are pleased to announce that the 2002 Distinguished Guest Lecturer will be Sylvia Nasar, economist, journalist, and author of *A Beautiful Mind*. The lecture, entitled, "A Beautiful Mind: Genius, Madness, Reawakening" will be Sunday, October 20, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. in Stude Hall, Alice Pratt

Brown Hall. Copies of Ms. Nasar's book, both in hardback and paperback, will be available for purchase and signing.

Sylvia Nasar was born in Bavaria in 1947 to a German mother and Uzbek father. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1951 and lived in New York and Washington, D.C. before moving to Ankara, Turkey in 1960. In 1965, she returned to the U.S. on her own and attended Antioch college where she majored in literature. She also spent a year at the University of Munich. After working for

graduate to

Sylvia Nasar

several years, she entered the Ph.D. program in economics at New York University, completing a master's degree in 1976. For four years, she did research with Nobel Laureate Wassily Leontief at the Institute for Economic analysis.

At 35, Ms. Nasar became a journalist. Since 1983 she has been a writer at *Fortune*, a columnist at *U.S. News & World Report* and, until recently, a reporter at *The New York Times* where she covered economics. She

and her husband, Darryl Mcleod, also an economist, have three children, Clara, Lily and Jack, and live in Tarrytown, New York.

A Beautiful Mind, her first book, won the 1998 National Book Critics' Circle Award for Biography, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in biography, and inspired a feature movie directed by Ron Howard, as well as a PBS television documentary. Ms. Nasar, who edited The Essential John Nash, is currently working on a book about 20th century economics thinkers,

and has recently been named the first John S. and James L. Knight Professor of Journalism at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

"A Beautiful Mind tells a moving story and offers a remarkable look into the arcane world of mathematics and the tragedy of madness."

—Simon Singh, The New York Times Book Review

"Ms. Nasar has managed to tease out the super-secret story of the deliberations at the Swedish Academy...This set piece alone will be a feast for Nobel junkies..."

-David Goodstein. The New York Times

"...elegant, rigorous, demanding book..."
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Fondren's Woodson Research Center Forms **Advisory Board**

BY KINGA PERZYNSKA

On July 18, 2002, Kinga Perzynska, the head of Fondren Library's Special Collections and University Archives, called the first formal meeting of Woodson Research Center's Advisory Board, Kinga invited several Rice and Houston personalities who are devoted and strong Woodson supporters to form an informal group. The members bring to the advisory board a diversity of talents and abilities to support the Center in establishing its goals and objectives for future development.

The present members of the board are: Mary Bixby, executive director of Friends of Fondren Library; Dr. John Boles, William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice and managing editor of the Journal of Southern History; Lynda Crist, the editor of the Jefferson Davis Papers, Jefferson Davis Association; Melissa Kean, history of science researcher; Kate Kirkland, local historian; and Karen L. Rogers, native Houstonian and very active Rice Historical Society member. Kinga invited these individuals to become part of the board because she knew of their long lasting interest and support of the development of the Center. Their keen understanding of historical records collecting, preservation and access is voiced through their presence as members of numerous university, library and local community groups. Kinga Perzynska, who oversees Fondren's Woodson Research Center, is an ex-officio member of the board.

The Advisory Board is a loosely organized group of advisors and supporters of WRC with appointments that will last three to six years. A representation of members on the board from Rice University and Houston is important to foster outreach with the local community, and new members from outside Houston may be asked to serve in the future.

The board's first meeting concentrated on familiarizing the members with the latest WRC goals and objectives. The members strongly supported them, which called for a variety of institutions in the region and individuals to consider WRC as their repository for archival materials. The aggressive solicitation of historical records reaching outside of the Rice com-



From left: Karen Rogers, Mary Bixby, Melissa Kean, Lynda Crist, Kate Kirkland, Kinga Perzynska, and John Boles.

munity led in Kinga's initial call to:

- Build on already existing rich resources at the WRC and continue to work in the strong partnership with Fondren Library. In the upcoming year the WRC is planning to renovate the reading room and improve physical storage of historical documentation at Fondren and in the new Library Service Center facility.
- Identify areas of strengths of the WRC and Rice collections and apply the University strategic plan and its educational mission. This strong partnership within the academic community should also build a stronger partnership with other academic communities nationally and internationally. The collection of the documentation related to the history of the Houston area will help to build Rice's presence in the local community in Texas.
- Bring the idea of the modern world to the special collections and university archives to meet the present day electronic challenges. The cooperation of the WRC and Fondren with Rice administrators will provide a greater consciousness of archives as an integral part of the university administration and preservation of university records. The new technologies should help to fully present Rice special collections to the world outside of "the hedges."

Book Drive 2002

In anticipation of the 2003 Book Sale, the Friends of Fondren Library is holding a book drive on Saturday, November 2, 2002. Donations of hardback and paperback books will be welcomed at Star Motor Cars' new Mercedes Benz building, 7000 Katy Road, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tax receipts will be available.

If donors are unable to deliver the books on November 2, they may be dropped off at Star Motor Cars any time Monday - Friday during business hours. Please call 713/868-6800 if you need directions. We collect books year-round and we need hundreds and hundreds of new and used books to ensure the success of future book sales. Please pack books in boxes rather than paper bags, if at all possible. If you must use bags, please double-bag.



While we appreciate the generosity of all book donors, we find that it is virtually impossible to sell certain items: sets of old encyclopedias, magazines, books damaged by insects or dirt, outdated technical books, outdated directories, catalogs, damaged or yellowed paperbacks. Thank you in advance for finding another destination for these types of materials.

We hope to see you during the upcoming book drive. Mark your calendars now for the 2003 Book Sale on October 24 – 26 at the Rice Memorial Center.

2002 Gala Honors Mike and Janet Kelley

BY PAMELA RILEY SMITH

On the evening of April 26, 2002, a sellout crowd was on hand for the twenty-second annual Friends of Fondren gala honoring Edward W. "Mike" Kelley, Jr. and Janet H. Kelley. Attendees gathered to greet Mike and Janet who were delighted by the opportunity to visit with many long time friends. Dorothy Haase, Janet's sister who lives in New York, also attended.



Mary Ellen Wilson and Pam Smith

After a delicious dinner served by the River Oaks Country Club, the team of Malcolm (aka President Gillis) and Bucky (aka J. D. Bucky Allshouse, Rice Trustee), auctioneers extraordinaires, again this year, dazzled us with their ability to wring top dollar from the, albeit eager, bidders. Dinners with outstanding lecturers, trips to exotic destinations, jewelry and even a computer age tandem bike were eagerly snapped up. Meanwhile bidders kept a jealous



Julia Moore, Helen Worden and Tom Thagard



Rick Smalley, Peggy and Bill Barnett

eye on the silent auction items. The Gala netted approximately \$120,000, raising the total of the Friends of Fondren Special Collections Endowment Fund to \$506,000.

We the gala committee, Texas Anderson, Lucas Elliot, Kyle Frazier, Preston Frazier, Frances Heyne, Margaret Jordan, Charles Maynard, Karen Rogers, Cathryn Rodd Selman, Lee Seureau, Pamela Riley Smith, Chair, Claire Smith and Mary Ellen Wilson had a truly enjoyable experience working on this gala. The Miracle of the Table Decorations: Preston Frazier and his elves created lovely "Kelley"



Anne Ribble and Mary Lou Margrave

green table decorations which added naught to the expense column of the gala preparations. Mary Pat Julian, executive director, deserves special praise and heartfelt thanks for her wonderful efforts. She leaves us for a pair of more pressing duties who will be showing up in November.



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Gov. and Mrs. Edward W. Kelley, Jr. Honored at Friends of Fondren Gala

This lovely tribute to the Kelleys, written by Dorothy Knox Howe Houghton, was included in the evening's program.

Rice University has always been a part of the life of Edward Watson "Mike" Kelley, Jr., who, together with his wife Janet Haase Kelley, is being honored by the Friends of Fondren Library at its twenty-second annual gala. Gov. Kelley was born in Eugene, Oregon where his father was associated with the University of Oregon. When he was six, the family moved to Houston where his father established the Kelley Manufacturing Company in 1937. The Kelley home was on Remington Lane in

Shadyside, just a couple of blocks down Main Street from the campus of the then Rice Institute. Gov. Kelley spent much of his childhood on the Rice campus and would ride his bicycle over to watch games at the old football stadium.

His grandmother, Mrs. James L. Autry, was an enthusiastic booster of all the athletic teams at Rice and frequently invited them over to her home for teas and dinners. Gov. Kelley's uncle, James L. Autry, Jr., and his mother, Allie May "Sallie" Autry (Mrs. Edward W. Kelley, Sr.) graduated from Rice in 1921 and 1925 respectively. Mrs. Kelley, Sr. later served on the executive

committee of the Association of Rice Alumni and as president of the Friends of Fondren Library. In 1950 she received the alumni association's gold medal award for service to the university.



Edward W. "Mike" Kelley and Janet H. Kelley

Following family tradition, Gov. Kelley graduated from Rice in 1954 with a B.A. in history. As a student he was a member of the Canterbury Club, Navy ROTC and Rally Club. He also played on a number of intramural sports championship teams. At Rice he met his future wife, Ellen Louise Elizardi, who was a member of the class of 1955. They were married following his graduation. Sixteen years and three children later she returned to Rice and graduated with the class of 1971. Ellen, who passed away in 1988, was active in the Junior League and held many positions of leadership in the Houston community including as president of the

Houston Symphony Society. Like her mother-in-law, she served on the executive committee of the Rice Alumni Association and as president of the Friends of Fondren Library. She also was

> deeply involved in the early days of the Shepherd School of Music.

In 1959, Gov. Kelley was awarded an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School and returned to Houston to assume the presidency of Kelley Industries which he expanded and turned into a holding company with several subsidiaries. He sold the company in 1981 and became chairman of Investment Advisors, Inc., a position which he held until 1987 when he was appointed by

President Reagan to be a governor of the Federal Reserve System, the central bank of the United States.

During his distinguished business career, Gov. Kelley held many influential positions in the volunteer sector of the Houston community and at Rice. He is a trustee emeritus on the Rice University Board of Trustees, having relinquished his active position when he was appointed to the Federal Reserve Board. He served as a term member of Rice's governing body from 1977-80 and a trustee from 1980-87. He served on the buildings and grounds committee that oversaw the construction of the

Mudd Building, Herring Hall, Ley Student Center and Alice Pratt Brown Hall. He chaired a task force that prepared the university's long range plan for the 1980s and beyond and was a member of the search committee that chose George Rupp as the fifth president of Rice. Gov. Kelley was active at Rice in the early 1960s as well, serving on a committee that wrote the prospectus for the creation of the Iones Business School.

Additionally, he has served in various positions on the Rice University Fund Council from 1971 to 1987 including the executive committee (1978-83). He served as vice chairman (1980-81) and 1954 class chairman (1977-80) of the Annual Fund Drive. He now serves on the Leadership Committee for The Next Century Campaign. In 1995 he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award. In the Houston community Gov. Kelley has served as chairman of the board of trustees of St. John's School and in various board positions with the Metropolitan YMCA, the Houston Symphony, the San Jacinto Chapter of the Girl Scouts of America, the United Fund, and the Houston Chamber. of Commerce. He also has served as a trustee of the National Association of Independent Schools.

On December 31, 2001 Gov. Kelley retired from the Federal Reserve Board after fourteen and one half years, the longest service of any recent member. During his tenure he was widely praised for his mediating influence on the board, working successfully behind the scenes to build concensus. Alan Greenspan has

said of him, "I know of no one in public life with greater integrity or higher principles."

In 1989 Gov. Kelley married Janet Hempelmann Haase, a native of St. Louis, who coincidentally had lived in Houston for a number of years before moving to the East Coast where she met and married Gov. Kelley. Mrs. Kelley is a graduate of Radcliffe College and received an M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School in 1966. She has been active in Harvard University affairs as an elected director of the Harvard University Alumni Association, president of the Radcliffe Club of Houston, and treasurer of the Harvard Business School Club of Houston. She had a successful career in commercial banking and worked at Rice during the 1970s as the administrator of a research program dealing with economic issues in underdeveloped countries. Also she taught business policy and marketing at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. She served as an officer on the executive committee of the Houston Ballet Foundation and served on the boards of the Houston Grand Opera Guild and the Junior League of Houston.

Throughout the years, the Kelley family has made numerous, substantial gifts to Rice which have taken various forms. In the 1940s, when a new basketball court was needed, they provided it in memory of Gov. Kelley's grandmother, Mrs. Autry. In 1959 the family gave the papers of his grandfather, Judge James L. Autry, to the Fondren Library. Judge Autry had been the general counsel for The

Texas Company (later called Texaco) and had moved to Houston with that company in the early years of the twentieth century. The collection includes a letter written by Gov. Kelley's great, great grandfather, Micajah Autry, shortly before he was killed in the Alamo, Gov. Kellev's mother was instrumental in creating Autry House, now a part of Palmer Episcopal Church, which served as a cultural, religious, and recreational center for Rice students until the Rice Memorial Center was built in the late 1950s. The family also gave the Allie Kelley Dittmar lounge in the student center in memory of Gov. Kellev's sister. Gov. and Mrs. Kelley are contributing life members of the Rice Associates and members of the William Marsh Rice Society.

More recently, the Kelleys have made a substantial gift to the Fondren Library to fund the government publications area, which will be named for them. and to fund the Friends of Fondren suite. The latter will be named for the senior Mrs. Kellev and for Gov. Kelley's first wife, Ellen. Gov. Kelley recently designated the Woodson Research Center in the Fondren Library as the repository for his personal Federal Reserve files which include speeches, interviews, Y2K preparations, articles, and meeting records.

The Friends of Fondren Library honors this generous, public-spirited family which has contributed so much and whose life has been so intertwined with the life of this institution over three generations.

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Friends Welcome David Vaisey to 2002 Annual Meeting

BY TEXAS ANDERSON

Chuck Henry, vice president and chief information officer, introduced our eagerly awaited speaker, David Vaisey, for the 2002 Annual Meeting to the Friends of Fondren after a very enjoyable dinner at the Cohen House.

Chuck and members of the Friends visited the Bodleian Library at Oxford University on their tour of libraries in Great Britain in 1998 and were delighted to welcome to Houston Mr. Vaisey, now Bodley's Librarian Emeritus and

meet his charming wife Maureen.

Our eloquent speaker entertained the Friends with his wit and humor as he recounted the history of the Bodleian and showed slides of some of their treasures. Sir Thomas Bodley began restoration of the old University library in 1598 after Oxford had been without a library for about fifty years. "I concluded at last, ...I coulde not busie myselfe to better purpose..."

As Mr. Vaisey showed one of their less attractive buildings added in the 20th

century, he noted that the English were as poor at designing new buildings as Houstonians were at saving their old ones! Although the latest library at Oxford, the Sackler, opened just last year, is a splendid expression of new tech-



nology and classic architectural elements.

The Bodleian is currently celebrating four hundred years (1602-2002) of collecting, conserving and of course building as the library has spread from a single upper floor of a 14th century building on the north side of the chancel of the University Church across the great university city.

Hearing Mr. Vaisey recount the journeys of several manuscripts...across oceans and continents, through civil wars and book burnings...sharpened our appreciation of libraries for preserving both new and old world culture. A brightly colored Pre-Columbian codex on child rearing, drawn by native artists with Spanish text, had met French privateers on its way to the Spanish king and taken a long continental journey before arriving at the Bodley.

We learned that the Bodleian Library, a repository for priceless documents, manuscripts

and books, is the main research library of the University of Oxford and a copyright deposit library as well. Two different friends at the meeting thanked me for introducing them to this very special group of Friends. In truth we are all privileged to serve the needs of our library and to reap the benefits of evenings with scholars such as David Vaisey.



Maureen Vaisey and Caroline Minter



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Sylvia Nasar, author of *A Beautiful Mind*, will be the 2002 Distinguished Guest Lecturer at 5 p.m. in Stude Hall, Alice Pratt Brown Hall.

Saturday, November 2, 2002

Friends will be collecting books for the 2003 Book Sale. Drop off books at Star Motor Cars, 7000 Katy Road between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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The Friends of Fondren Library and the Rice Engineering Alumni will host their annual Homecoming Brunch and Awards Ceremony in the Kyle Morrow Room, Fondren Library at 9:30 a.m. The Friends will honor David Elder.





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